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SPORTS

Wrestling team wins league matches



Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team defeated two Lake Michigan Conference foes - the Boyne City Ramblers and the Charlevoix Rayders - by large margins in a three-team league meet held last Wednesday at GHS.

In the first series of the night, Charlevoix outscored Boyne City 42-15.

The Vikings battled the Rayders in the second match of the meet. Grayling won 69-12, posting a 5-2 record in contested matches.

In the final series of the night, Grayling jumped out to a sizeable lead vs. Boyne City and won by 73 points. The match included only five contested bouts and Grayling won all of them. **11A**

Vikings win with strong 2nd half at East Jordan



The first half of last Friday's Grayling vs. East Jordan varsity boys basketball game looked like a battle between two similar, evenly matched teams. The Vikings, however, controlled the second half, outscoring the Red Devils 42-22 in the final 16 minutes of the contest.

Friday's match, played at East Jordan High School, was the first Lake Michigan Conference game of the season for both squads.

The teams were tied at 24-24 after a low-scoring first half. The Vikings outscored the Red Devils by 20 points - 10 in each period - in the second half to win by a final score of 66-46. **15A**

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The American Legion Post #106 held their annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday. Left, Ryden Kress, age 7, selected a military play set from the various presents that children had to choose from after his raffle ticket was drawn. Above, Andrea Snyder, age 8, receives a balloon sword from Jeremy Hempel, better known as "Wiggles the Clown." Hempel appeared with Tom Cojocar, who is known as "Pillows the Clown."

Photos by Dan Sanderson



Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said that the county expects to be delivered a certificate of occupancy for the county building addition on Monday, Jan. 11. Above, a work crew installs metal roofing pieces on the building.

Grayling down two police officers

City to study possible replacement of one or both

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The City of Grayling will be down two police officers due to the retirement of a veteran patrolman and the resignation of another officer moving up the career ladder.

The Grayling City Police Department had to find a way to fill two slots on its roster due to the resignations of two officers, which became effective last weekend.

Dennis Long, who has worked as a patrolman for 25 years for the Grayling Police Department, retired effective Friday, Dec. 18.

Mark Jacobi, who joined the Grayling Police Department in March, resigned effective Sunday, Dec. 20. He is taking a position as a deputy with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said remaining Officers Al Somero and Tim Coe would be working 2 a.m. to 2 p.m. shifts to cover a majority of hours. Grayling Police Chief Doug Baum would patrol the city during other peak travel time hours, Thayer said.

The city will study replacing one if not both officers as officials review budgets in January, Thayer said.

Thayer said the earliest the department would have the officers trained and on duty by themselves would be in March.

"I think that's very aggressive expectation with that," Thayer said.

Thayer predicts that the city will receive \$29,000 less in revenue sharing funds from the state and \$40,000 less in property tax revenues.

The city will be going over its budgets with a fine-toothed comb in January as state budget planners review revenues that the state brought in 2009.

Thayer told the Grayling City Council last week that the future does not look good as far as receiving funding from the state in 2010 and in future years.

"It's early, it's an election year and there is a lot up for grabs, but I don't see a lot of compromise," Thayer said of state lawmakers in Lansing.

County receives housing grant

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Over a half million dollars will be poured into a Grayling neighborhood to upgrade infrastructure and housing.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved a \$243,900 Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Office of Community Development last week.

The funds will be used for emergency repairs and the rehabilitation of at least 12 owner-occupied homes in the City of Grayling.

Cy Wakeley, director of the Crawford County Housing Commission, said he applied for the grant in August after learning that the City of Grayling was getting a separate \$388,284 Community Development Block Grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

The funds will be used to replace infrastructure on Ingham Street, which runs from the I-75 Business Loop to Maple Street adjacent to the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that sewer mains will be replaced, water lines will be replaced and sanitary sewers will be replaced. The project will also enable the city to have the required 10 feet of lateral and vertical space between the water, sanitary and storm sewers. Finally, the road will be repaved and new curbs will be built.

Wakeley said investment in that particular neighborhood in Grayling allowed the Crawford County Housing Commission to

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that the county expects to be delivered a certificate of occupancy for the building addition on Monday, Jan. 11. County officials, engineers and building contractors will go through a final punch list to determine if everything in the building has been done properly on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Ripke Construction Co. Inc. of St. Helen was expected to have the building completed by mid-November. Contractors, however, ran into several issues including huge chunks of cement that were underground, replacing a gas line and waterline during excavating work. "Once they started digging, they ran into all kinds of things," Compo said. The firm, which was awarded over \$1.1 million for the project, was given an extension until mid-December. But since that deadline has already gone, county officials are waiting until after the New Year for construction to be wrapped up. Ceilings where the former rest rooms were located in the building still need to be replaced. See CONSTRUCTION | 5A

With the Christmas tree, decorated light poles and large equipment, the front of the Crawford County building could be compared to family's living room on Christmas morning.

But Crawford County officials and citizens will have to wait until after the New Year before they are delivered the final building addition and renovations due to construction delays for the project. Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said

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Officer honored for service



Photos by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling Police Department held a retirement reception for Officer Dennis Long on Friday. Long worked 25 years for the Grayling Police Department, one year for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, seven years for the Saginaw City Police Department and four years with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department. Long was the only detective to work for the Grayling Police Department for eight years. Above, Grayling Officer Tim Coe and Grayling City Manager David Thayer are pictured with Long as he accepts a plaque for his service to the community. Grayling City Police Chief Doug Baum was unable to attend the reception due to a death in his family.

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Grayling City Manager David Thayer told the city council that within 24 hours after an article was published in the Crawford County Avalanche regarding the moratorium, an industry representative contacted him and sent a model ordinance for outdoor wood stoves.

Thayer said the ordinance recommended by the outdoor wood stove manufacturers was far more stringent than what city and fire department officials were considering.

Thayer said that city and manufacturers have the same vested interest as the industry, which is to have the outdoor stoves with up-to-date technology that addresses safety and efficiency.

The ordinance addresses:

- EPA Hydronic Heater Phase One outdoor stoves, which have a particulate emission limit of .60 pounds per million British Thermal Units.

- EPA Hydronic Heater Phase One qualified models.

- EPA Hydronic Heater Phase Two, which have a particulate emission limit of .32 pounds per million British Thermal Units.

- EPA Hydronic Heater Phase Two qualified model.

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City changes status of tax assessor

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council last week agreed to hire its tax assessor as a part-time employee to comply with Uncle Sam's regulations.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said that a recent U.S. Federal Court of Appeals decision mandated that all tax assessors who sign the tax rolls for municipalities must be an employee of the municipality.

The city council, last week, agreed to hire tax assessor Christie Verlac as a city employee to comply with Internal Revenue Service regulations.

"We've operated, like the vast majorities of communities, with a tax assessor as an independent contractor," Thayer said. "The Michigan Municipal League attorney said I don't know if you could win, but it would very costly to take them on, so you might as well go along with what the IRS has said and comply with it."

Thayer said that Verlac's salary was reduced by nine percent since the city will assume the duty to take out Social Security tax and Workman's Compensation coverage on her behalf. He added that Verlac, who was hired by former Grayling

City Manager Allen Lowe, was given 3.5 percent annual pay raises in the contracts to bring her up to salaries of assessors working in the market. Under the employee contract with the city, Thayer said the pay increase has been reduced to two-percent.

"All other things are pretty much consistent with what was determined to be status quo," Thayer said.

Verlac will be considered as an at-will employee, meaning the city could terminate her employment at any time without a cause for dismissal.

Thayer, however, said Grayling City Attorney Gerald Brabant recommended adding a 90-clause to the contract so that Verlac would have to inform the city she was intending to leave her job. Thayer said that would protect the city at certain times of years when tax assessments were being done and the tax rolls were being prepared.

"Certain times of year, if the assessor would leave, it would really leave us high and dry," Thayer said. "If we had the 90 days, we would have 90 days that we knew we had to get busy and try to find a replacement."

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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Christmas time filled with 'wonders'



(Note: The following Christmas time essay first appeared in The Almanack several years ago, and is repeated this year because it seems just as appropriate now.)

CHRISTMAS TIME properly is filled with wonders.

There's the beauty of small children, with eyes and hearts filled with wonder and awe as they eagerly await Christmas morning and the visit from Santa Claus, wondering what his bulging bag of presents holds for them.

Worried shoppers scurry from store to store, wondering where they can find all the special things they seek to complete their Christmas shopping lists.

Frazzled wives and mothers and grandmothers – and sometimes their male counterparts, too – spend hours in the kitchen, producing their own wonders of food delights. Special Christmas cookies and pastries and dinners and other recipes are handed down from earlier

generations, and always seem to turn out just great because everything tastes especially delicious during the holidays.

Especially during this year of economic uncertainties, there are the furrowed brows of the wage earners and bill payers, who wonder how they are ever going to be able to pay the bills for all the wonders of Christmas.

* * *

BEFITTING THE SEASON, I have a few special wonders, too.

I wonder why thousands of otherwise normal individuals haul themselves out of bed early on the morning after Thanksgiving to camp out at stores and malls, and fight and scratch their way inside the stores to throw their money at so-called bargains ... and then continue the spending frenzy at near the same pace for another month.

I wonder why everybody must have a Christmas list. I wonder why we buy gifts mostly from these mandato-

ry lists, instead of looking for a special, individualized present that shows some originality and proves you really are thinking of the person who receives it.

I wonder why we expect to receive everything on that Christmas list, and why we're disappointed if we don't. Once we compile a list we seem to think we're entitled to everything on it, that it's our right to receive all or at least most of the gifts.

I wonder why parents and grandparents buy so much stuff for their kids anyway. Many cannot really afford it, but that's what the kids had on their lists, so that's what they buy.

I wonder why we have turned Christmas, an essentially one-day religious observance, into the overly commercialized, materialized and secularized event it has become.

* * *

CHRISTMAS IS a religious holiday, despite consistent attempts to make it otherwise.

Christmas is the Christian observance of the birth of Jesus Christ, and along with the Easter commemoration of His death and resurrection into heaven, the very foundation of the Christian faith.

I wonder why so many people accept the separation of Christmas from the birth of Jesus and the centuries of religious history stemming from it. That's not logical.

Now we substitute non-religious generic terms and practices for the real thing. We send holiday cards, not Christmas cards. We shout "Happy Holidays!" instead of "Merry Christmas!"

Public schools stage "Winterfest Programs," not Christmas programs, where children don't sing about the Baby Jesus or the manger at Bethlehem or the angels heralding the birth of Christ. Instead about the closest thing to Christmas we hear is the modern carol about roasting chestnuts on an open fire. I wonder why we accept and encourage this deterioration.

No one can prove the details of the birth of Jesus. It's all a matter of faith. According to some church historians, during the Fourth Century church leaders settled on December 25 to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

To be friendly and happy is good. To help others – by donating to organizations that help the needy and the homeless, by feeding the hungry and the lonely, by giving toys and clothes to needy families ... these are all good, too.

But without the religious foundation, without the connection to the birth of Jesus, it's simply a time of year, publicly accepted as a holiday, but not as a holy day.

Christmas and the birth of Jesus are hand in hand and should not – indeed, cannot – be separated. He is the reason for the season.

To all of you, a blessed and joyous Christmas from The Almanack.

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Letters to the Editor

Keeping the four-way light is a terrible idea

To the editor:

I read in today's paper (Dec. 17) that we will keep the four-way light at Michigan and Maple.

Being a resident on Maple Street, I think this is a terrible idea.

Who is going to clean up the trash that drivers throw out the window while they are waiting for the light?

Who is going to monitor the speeders who fly up the hill from Penrods so they can make the light while it's still green?

Who is going to assure safe crossing at Ionia and Maple for our kids walking to the library after school and during the summer?

Who is going to keep drivers from driving in the bike

path for a right hand turn onto Michigan off Maple?

Who is going to pay for the repairs to Maple Street for the smoother flow of traffic from people coming in from North Down River Road, traveling on Michigan Avenue and turning on Maple Street to access the southbound I-75 exit?

Can our downtown businesses afford to have that traffic routed down Maple Street? Can State Street at the business loop (by Burger King) handle the flow of traffic wanting to turn left towards the I-75 exit?

How many fender benders occurred last summer at this light? I can recall

seeing several parked in driveways while they finished their business with the police. Is that fair to the property owners?

Take a look at the bigger picture, another traffic light to wait through, proposing a traffic light at the business loop bridge ... another reason to bypass Grayling altogether, who wants to get hung up in four traffic lights in a two-mile stretch?

Traffic was consistently backed up on the business loop during the summer to begin with, the redesign certainly won't make that any better. The picture I see gets bleaker and bleaker.

Cars, causing scratches or dents.

I guess my point is, that common courtesy goes a long way, even though society is "high-speed" nowadays.

Please take those few extra seconds to show the same respect to others that you would like shown to you.

Valerie Priebe

Grayling

Show the same respect to others that you would like shown to you

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to the "not so courteous" shoppers in Grayling or any other town, as far as that goes.

I am referring to the people who can't be bothered to take care of their carts, but instead leave them sitting in the parking lot after they've put their groceries or whatever they bought into their vehicles.

Trash shouldn't be put out until the day before pick up

To the editor:

What has happened to the rule of don't put trash by the road till the day before pick up no earlier than noon?

As I drive the streets on the south side behind the Burger King area, I noticed

one house always has their trash out on Saturdays.

It's not just a few bags but a large mound of it by the road. Most of the time there are animals already going through it. It looks awful.

How about a little pride in

the way the city looks. We have to keep our yards clean and mowed, why can't they keep their trash away from the road till Sunday afternoon?

J.M. Forte

Grayling

Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Designate a driver

As family and friends reunite this holiday season, the Michigan Sheriff's Association and Sheriff Wakefield want you to know if you drive drunk you will be arrested and prosecuted.

Crawford County Deputies will be out in full force to prevent impaired driving. If you are arrested the cost of your defense and potential fines can be thousands of dollars and you could lose your driving privileges forever.

The winter holidays are among the deadliest times of the year due to increased incidences of impaired driving.

Many people simply do not realize the consequences of driving after drinking. The statistics are

alarming. 297 people were killed in 2008 in alcohol related crashes in Michigan.

If you are impaired, Sheriff Wakefield encourages you to either take a cab home, have a sober designated driver take you home or stay the night where you are.

"Drunk driving has a devastating effect on our community," said Sheriff Wakefield. "My deputies will make every effort to keep the roads in Crawford County safe by arresting those irresponsible individuals that make the decision to drive after drinking."

Sheriff Wakefield's final advice to those who wish to ring in the new year by consuming alcohol to "Designate a drive that will stay sober."

Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will close at noon on Thursday, December 24th.

The Avalanche will re-open on Monday, December 28th at 9am.

Early Holiday Deadlines:

The December 31, 2009

Avalanche will be on newsstands on Wednesday,

December 30th, 2009.

Deadlines for the December 31st issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 24th at noon

Community News: Mon. Dec. 28th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Mon. Dec. 28th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 29th at noon

Our office will close on Thursday, December 31st, at noon. The Avalanche office will re-open on Monday, January 4th at 9am.

Deadlines for the January 7th issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 31st at noon

Community News: Mon. Jan. 4th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Mon. Jan. 4th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 5th at noon

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Briefs

Church to hold Christmas Eve service

The Bear Lake Christian Church, M-72, Kalkaska, will hold their annual Christmas Eve candle light service on Dec. 24, at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Construction carries over to the New Year

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along with other interior work.

The contract with Ripke Construction calls for \$1,200 per day to be paid to the county for every day construction is past the deadline. Compo said the county and its engineers would break construction down into two phases. First, the contractors will be allowed to get all interior work done and the new elevator operational. Then, Ripke Construction is expected to return in the spring to finish up landscaping work, stucco work and the installation of an irrigation system.

"We're focused on getting everything done to get occupancy," Compo said.

Compo added that contractors would face paying the county if work in the spring is not completed in the determined time frame.

"At that point in time, if things are not done, the clock will start ticking," he said.

County Commissioner Mike Lange said the pro-

ject remains on budget. "The main thing is to keep the project moving forward," Lange said. "I don't think we have any more surprises coming our way."

The courthouse project will make the building compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The project included installing an elevator to allow people to access the basement floor of the building, creating handicapped accessible bathrooms and altering doorways and counters to better serve the handicapped. The county issued \$1.5 million in bond, which will be paid off over the next 20 years, to pay for the addition and renovation.

Ripke Construction is currently working on over \$2 million in projects at Camp Grayling to renovate a barracks, build a classroom and build a gaming room at a troop training site where soldiers will learn how to detect improvised explosive devices.

County receives housing grant

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leverage the funds to get the second pot of money for housing rehabilitation and repairs.

Wakeley said piggy backing the grant applications onto one another has never been done before in Grayling. He added that funds would make affordable loans available to property owners who live in that area of the community.

"We were just thrilled to get the grant and that's all extra money," Wakeley said. "That's a lot of money to bring to a small area and we're going to see a lot of impact from that."

The Crawford County Housing Commission had

to pledge \$182,500 in Property Improvement Program funds, Rural Development funds and Housing and Urban Development to access the grant.

"Those are leverage funds we use on a day to day basis for housing repairs and rehabilitation," Wakeley said.

Thayer said the housing grant compliments what city officials have been trying to do the last three years.

"This goes hand-in-hand with how we're trying to get people to help beautify the city and clean up their properties so we can maintain property values," Thayer said.

Library News

The C.C.L.L. Book Club will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Dec. 29, at 5 p.m. This month's selection is a member's choice. Share a good read with the rest of the book club. Bring a gently used (wrapped) book for the exchange. For more information, call Jane at 348-9214.

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Dec. 20 of \$25 each; Paula Edlund, Bev Wilcox, Mike Higgins (2), Deb Calkins, Virgil Weaver, Bob and Kathy Johnstone, Corky Hellebuyck, Marilyn

Hawkins, Bill Holton and Pat K., Max Tobin, Tina Bassett, Gene Hawkins and Jim Brown.

Grayling Lions Club
The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle was Richard Moshier.

Community comes together for Toys for Tots



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Toys for Tots campaign for Crawford County and surrounding counties had another successful year. Linda Northrop, the Toys for Tots Coordinator for Crawford County and Otsego County, said the Meijer Store in Gaylord donated \$7,000 in toys for children in Crawford and Otsego Counties. A Toy-A-Thon was also held at an Aaron Tippin holiday concert at Kirtland Community College. Hundreds of toys were collected and Tippin's crew assembled two bikes that will be given to youngsters in Roscommon and Crawford Counties. Above, Northrop is pictured with Barb Chew, the customer service representative manager at Glen's Markets in Grayling, which raised \$960 for Toys for Tots by selling the paper toy trains which were displayed in the store. Northrop said that all toys and donations collected stay in the county to benefit the children. "It all stays local, but it has to funnel back through the Toys for Tots Foundation because of the IRS," Northrop said. "It's great that a small town like ours can come together and do so much to help the children have a Christmas."

Senior Citizen News

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Dec. 25 - Closed.

Monday, Dec. 28 -

Lunch - breaded chicken sandwich, winter blend vegetables, baked beans and an orange. Dinner - salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Prince Charles vegetable blend and apricots. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge.

Tuesday, Dec. 29 -

Lunch - spaghetti with meat sauce, cauliflower, sliced carrots and apricots. Dinner - hot roast beef, boiled potatoes and Brussels sprouts. 10 a.m. Bible study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Foot Clinic - \$20, call 348-7123 for an appointment and bring your own towel, 4 p.m. - 5

p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Lunch - beef stroganoff, noodles, carrots, cauliflower and peaches. Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce and dessert pudding.

10 a.m. Mahjong and line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league and Wii Bowling

Thursday, Dec. 31 - Closed.

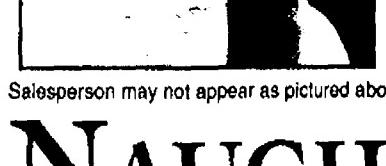
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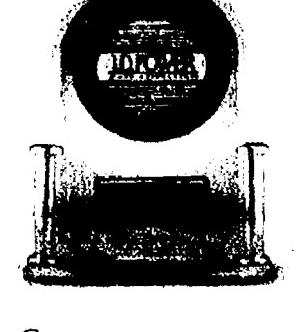
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The Bible Speaks

Jews Are Also Sinners

Our text last week in Romans 10:18 reminded us that all are sinners because they have received and rejected some form of God's revealed word. "18But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." Both Jews and Gentiles are sinners because we share a common descent from Adam who was a sinner. This is proven because all die. "22For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." We inherited both Adam's sin and sin nature. "12Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5:12).

Both Jews and Gentiles have rejected God's revealed word in creation. We saw this last week in Romans 1:18-20. This same truth was given to the Jews in Psalm 19. We see in verse 1 that God's scope of natural revelation was unlimited in space: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork." Psalm 33:6 reminds us, "6By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of

them by the breath of his mouth." Jeremiah 10:12 reminds us God created everything by His power, His plan, and for His purpose: "12He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion." Only a fool can see God's creation and then say there is no God. (Psalm 14:1; 53:1).

Second, God's scope of natural revelation was unlimited in time: "Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge." Genesis 1:17,18 teaches us: "17And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good."

Third, God's scope of natural revelation was unlimited in language: "3[There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard." "16The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun." (Psalm 74:16).

God illustrates natural revelation by describing the sun. The perception of the sun brings witness to all humans. "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and

their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun," This was God's plan in Genesis 1:14,15. Jesus was prophesied to the Jews as their sun in Malachi 4:2: "2But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; Jesus claimed this title in John 8:12: "12Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." We see not only the perception, but the power of the sun in verse 5: "Which [is] as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, [and] rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race." Jesus said in Matthew 28:18: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." In verse 6 we see the penetration of the sun: "His going forth [is] from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof." Only fools see the sun of God, yet refuse to believe on the Son of God. Pastor "B"

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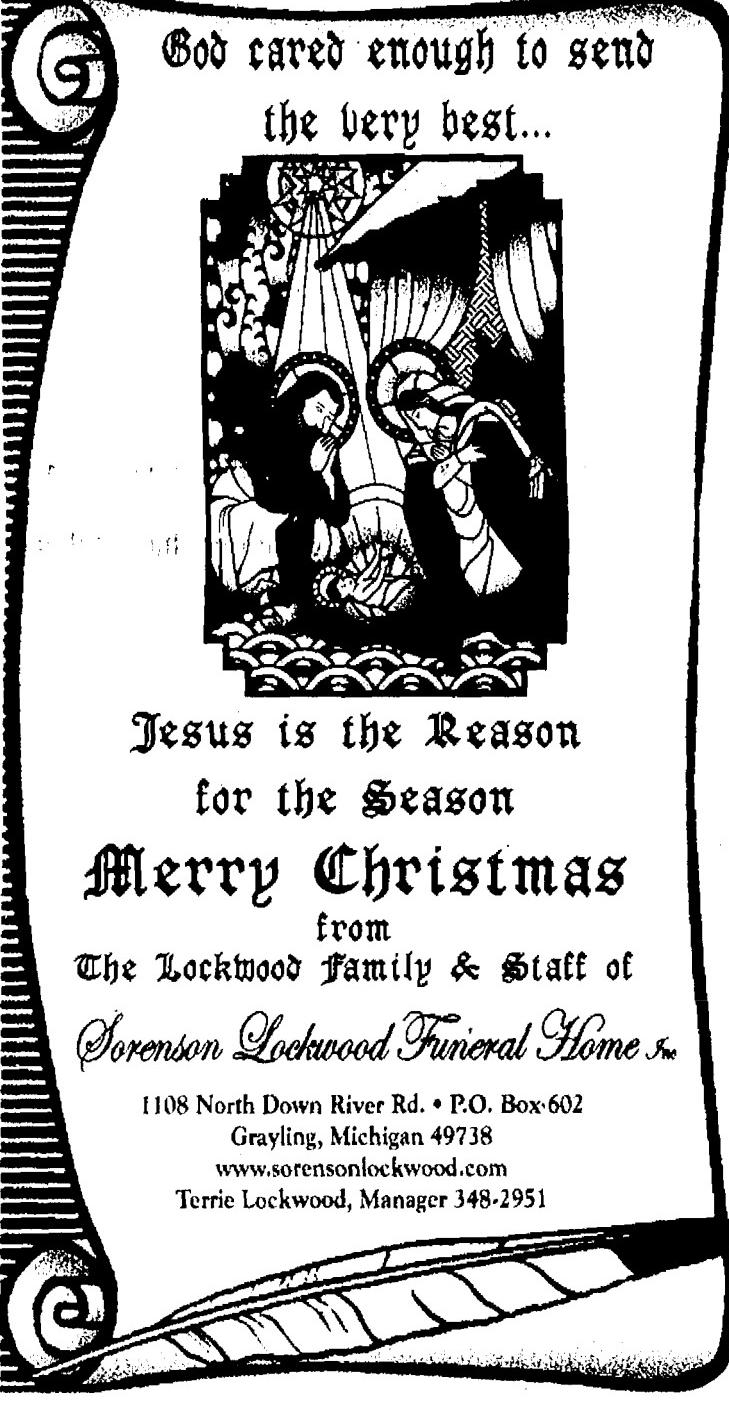
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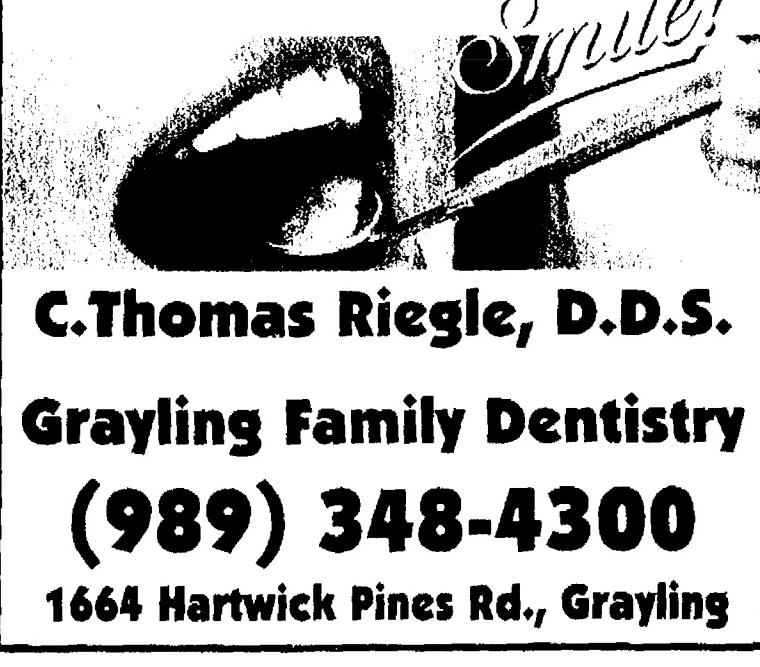
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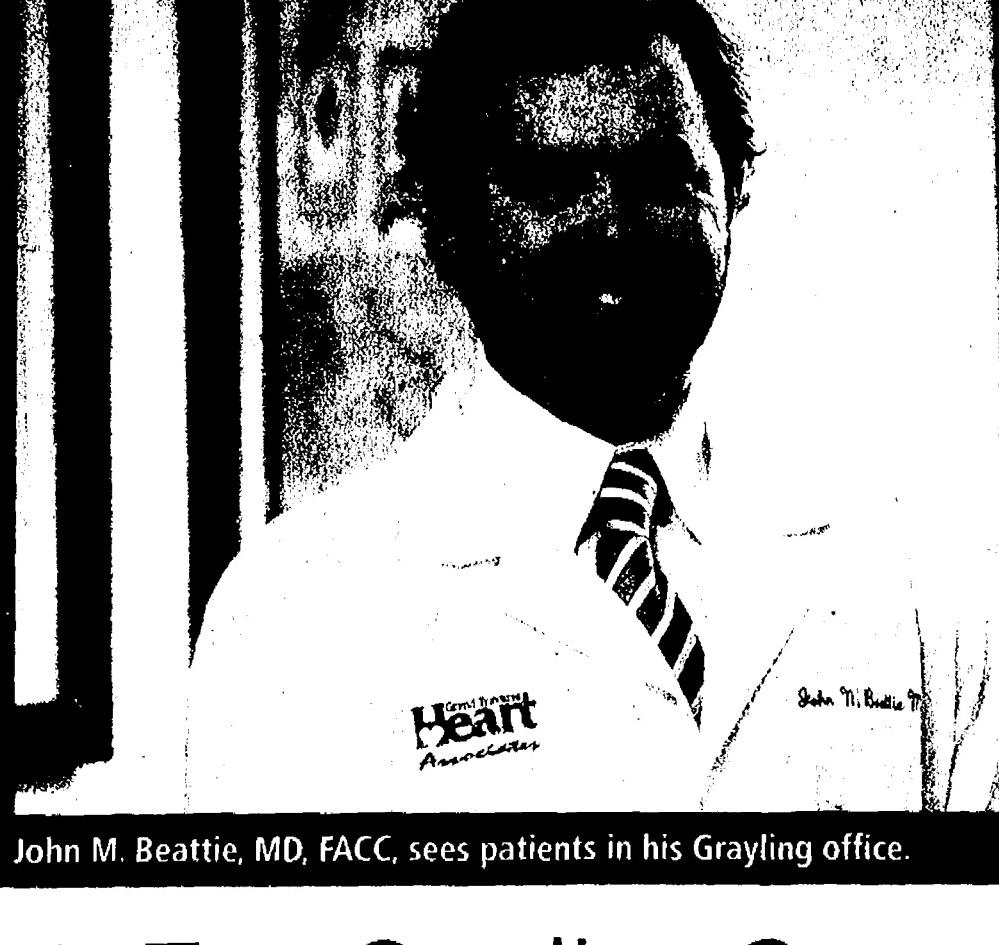
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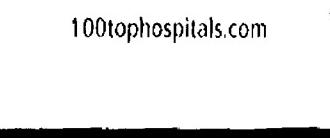
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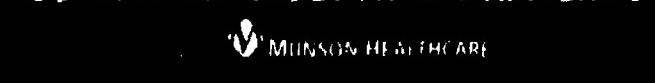
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County attempting to land regional MSU Extension office

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A conference center, before and after school 4-H programming and a state-side research center - Crawford County officials have yet more plans for the former Grayling Fish Hatchery building.

For the last two months, Crawford County Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman has been working with Michigan State University Extension officials in hopes of bringing a regional extension office to Grayling.

The Michigan State University Extension is in the midst of a restructuring plan in light of state budget cuts. The extension is focused on 21st Century green initiatives to help Michigan move forward.

Some of the initial goals are:

- Supporting urban farming that builds regional food systems.
- Fostering innovation that positions agriculture to succeed in the new economy.

• Enhancing community practices for energy efficiency and use of renewable energy.

• Providing expertise to restructured state and local agencies.

• Urban revitalization for stronger businesses and communities.

• Facilitating inter-jurisdictional cooperation for regional prosperity.

As the Michigan State University moves forward with its restructuring plan, it is looking at having regional offices to cut down on operating costs.

Pinkelman believes the former fish hatchery building would be perfect fit. The building could house a conference center, and extension officials could oversee the rental of the facility.

"Someone is always looking to rent a facility and they always end up going to Gaylord because we don't have something that's big enough," Pinkelman said.

The regional office would allow Michigan State University Extension to do product research, agriculture research and a statewide and multi-state research center.

Pinkelman said 4-H programming could be offered to students in conjunction with the nearby Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary Schools.

Since the county has already been working on relocating the District Health Department #10 office to the main level of the building, Pinkelman said having the extension and health department under one roof would allow for more nutritional and education outreach in the community.

"It would be supporting health and nutrition, not only for children, but also for seniors because they work in-hand with the health department and the senior center," Pinkelman said.

Pinkelman said the lower level of the building would only need new ceilings, walls, electricity and plumbing upgrades. She said partitions could be used to create office space.

"We're not asking for a lot," she said.

County Commissioner Mike Lange said that Linda VanGills, chief health officer for District Health Department #10, has reviewed and approved plans to use the upper level of the building. Cost estimates are expected to be received from Gaylord architect Brad Butcher next month.

"This might segue into what you guys are trying to do downstairs," Lange said.

In August, Crawford County voters turned down a plan to relocate the Grayling Senior Center to the fish hatchery building by a 716 no to 629 yes vote.

Births

Heather and Kyle Duba of Grayling, announce the birth of their son, Evan James, born at Mercy Hospital on December 9, 2009, at 1:01 a.m., weighing 9 lbs., and measuring 21 1/2 inches in length.



Conservationist Calvin "Rusty" Gates dies

Celebrated conservationist and fly-fisherman Calvin "Rusty" Gates Jr. died on December 19, 2009 at his home on the banks of the AuSable River in Grayling, Michigan after a lengthy battle with lung cancer. He was 54 years old.

Gates served as president of the Anglers of the AuSable from its inception in 1987 until 2009. During this time he and his organization won several landmark legal cases in coldwater conservation.

"Rusty was a true treasure," said Rebecca Humphries, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "He loved the Holy Waters of the AuSable and shared that love with countless individuals. He taught us that it is our duty to respect the resource and to protect it. His love of the river lives on in all of us. I have been truly blessed to know Rusty."

Gates was the proprietor of Gates Au Sable Lodge, and an iconic fly-fishing personality. Rusty's father Cal Gates Sr. moved his family to Grayling in 1970 and, along with his wife Mary, purchased the lodge on the banks of the Au Sable River. Cal Sr. had taught high school music, and Rusty played trombone in high school. But soon his passion for fly-fishing occupied most of his time. He began tying flies professionally at the age of 17, as well as guiding. At first Gates' flies were sold in the corner of the restaurant at the lodge, but soon demand was great enough that the Gates family added a full-service fly-shop to the lodge. Eventually Rusty bought the lodge and operated it with his wife Julie, who ran the restaurant.

"Of all the strong conservationists in our world, Rusty was one of the toughest. He was tireless, and he was like a missile in his precision and deadly accuracy. Yet he never, ever, wanted credit for anything—just for the various groups he worked with, especially the Anglers of the Au Sable," said Tom Rosenbauer, winner of the 2001 National Outdoor Book Award, and Marketing Director for the Orvis Company.

Gates Lodge is a place where thousands of anglers gather annually during fly fishing season from April through autumn. Rusty and Julie could be found there at all hours, tending to the

smallest details of fly tying and gourmet cooking. With classical music playing in the background, the fly shop buzzed with patrons' latest stories from the nearby woods and waters. Coffee flowed freely as anglers bent over the dozens of boxes of flies, hoping to pick correctly for the day ahead. Rusty Gates presided over the daily scene with eagle eyes, a wry grin, and measured words. Fishing tips from this master were earned, not purchased. This tradition, while changed forever by Rusty's passing, will continue in 2010 as Gates Lodge remains in business under the leadership of fly shop manager Josh Greenberg, who has worked for Rusty for the last 15 years.

"Rusty proved that people don't fill their gas tank to fill their fry pan. They put on their waders to nourish their soul. Rusty did that for all of us, and our great-great-great grandkids. Sure, they won't know it, but when one of them flips an Adams, or a Trico, over a rising brown in 2109 it will have Rusty's name etched on it," said Glen Sheppard, author/editor of the conservation newspaper The North Woods Call.

The quiet, unassuming Gates' soon gained recognition for his expertise in fly-fishing, as well as his honesty and willingness to defend the resource. He developed a number of fly-patterns that became standard AuSable fly patterns, introduced scores of people to the world of fly-fishing, and began to combine angling and conservation in such a way as to involve himself in some of the most influential coldwater issues in Michigan. In 1995 he was awarded the coveted Fly Rod and Reel Magazine "Angler of the Year" award for his conservation and cultural contributions to the sport of fly-fishing.

"While Rusty will mainly be remembered for his role in protecting the Au Sable, he changed forever the way we look at and work to protect our water resources and wildlife. We owe it to Rusty to carry on his work and make sure children in every generation to come will be able to share the wonder and joy in Michigan's wild places that are his legacy," said Michigan Sierra Club President Anne Woiwode.

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lead by example; and he has touched and inspired us all," said Ted Williams, noted Conservation Editor for Fly Rod and Reel.

In a legal case that would define his commitment to the Au Sable River, in 2003 Gates, as President of the Anglers of the Au Sable, challenged a US Forest Service lease that would allow exploratory drilling for gas below the famed Mason Tract section of the South Branch of the AuSable. With the odds stacked against them, the Anglers prevailed in their case against the Forest Service, forever altering how the business of gas and oil exploration would be conducted in the fragile areas of Michigan.

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cause. Considered by many as one of the most talented fund-raisers and recruiters they'd ever met, Rusty will be remembered for his uninhibited love for the river and the river valley, and his steadfastness in doing what he and many others considered right and necessary for the resource. He is survived by his wife Julie, their children, and a large extended family.

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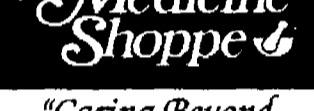
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Obituaries

Kathryn V. McCoy

Kathryn V. McCoy, 90, of Maple Forest Township, passed away on December 15, 2009.

She was born in Highland Park, on September 8, 1919, the daughter of the late John and Gertrude (Brown) Bird.

The former Kathryn V. Bird married Walter T. McCoy on June 15, 1941, in Highland Park.

He preceded her in death in 2002.

She was the CEO of McCoy Family Tree Farm, LLC.

She was a member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

She is survived by T. (Paulie) McCoy III of Gaylord, Donald R. (Sue) McCoy of Frederic; daughters, Janet (Dennis) Hirman of Minnesota, Kathryn (Curtis) Curtis-Smith of Kalamazoo; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at First United Methodist Church of Gaylord on December 18, with Rev. John Naile officiating.

Interment will be at Maple Forest Cemetery in Spring 2010.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Family requests that in lieu of flowers you consider a contribution to the Kathryn McCoy Memorial Fund at First United Methodist Church of Gaylord.

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Charles E. Baker

Charles Edward Baker, 61, of Grayling, passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.

He was born in Pontiac, on April 2, 1948, the son of the late Kenneth Meredith and Anna Rose (Lewis) Baker.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his daughter, Beverly S. (David) Fyan of Frederic, son, Charles M. (Tina Hendrix) Baker of Houghton Lake; grandchildren: Jeffrey, Matthew, Stephan, Jessica, Caleb, Samantha, Harlee and Emma; great-granddaughter, Isabella; ex-wife and caregiver, Marion Baker; sisters: Shirley Liffin of Pontiac, Ruth Baker of Texas, June Clyne of Fla., Dora Scott of Lake Orion, Donna (Jim) Nowak of Fla.; brothers: Lawrence (Cindy) Baker of Lovells, Robert (Lori) Baker of Mesick and John Baker of Flora.

He was preceded in death by parents; and one sister, Sylvia.

There are no public services planned at this time.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

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Richard R. Swanson

Richard "Dick" Roxbury Swanson, 80, of Swartz Creek and a seasonal resident of Grayling, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Psalm 116:15).

He was born to the late Barney and Ada (Roxbury) Swanson in Flint, on December 8, 1929.

He was a life-long resident of Flint.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior during his years in the Army, and served the Lord faithfully until his death.

He married Lois Faye Kline on August 17, 1957, and they recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

He received a bachelor of theology degree in 1959 and a bachelor degree in religious education in 1960, both from the Baptist Bible Seminary in Clarks Summit, Pa.

He also attended Eastern Michigan University.

He worked for General Motors as the Chevrolet Metal Fab. and retired in June, 1992, after 42 years of service as a tool and die maker.

He taught a variety of Bible and other courses at Flint Bible Institute for the past 35 years.

He was an avid runner and was a cancer survivor of 16 years.

He served the Lord faithfully for many years at the Faith Baptist Church in Davison and at other churches in the Flint area.

He served positions of deacon, chairman of the board, Sunday school superintendent and visitation director.

He was currently a member of North Baptist Church in Flint.

In addition to his wife, Lois, he is survived by his daughter, Cheryllyn S. Scruton and husband, Fred, of Cranesville, Pa.; son, Mark J. Swanson and wife, Sara of Greer, S.C.; two grandchildren, Laura Beth and Jonathan Swanson of Greer, S.C.; sister-in-law, Cecilia Swanson of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and several special cousins and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ken Swanson; and granddaughter, Allison Joy Swanson.

The funeral was held on December 23 at 3 p.m. at the Sharp Funeral Home in Swartz Creek.

A private burial will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Flint Bible Institute.

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I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close

of day.

If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy of a friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss. And yet these things I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, he set me free.

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Sports

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Wrestling team wins league matches vs. Ramblers, Rayders

Vikings post 10-2 record in contested bouts

by Caleb Casey

Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team defeated two Lake Michigan Conference foes - the Boyne City Ramblers and the Charlevoix Rayders - by large margins in a three-team league meet held last Wednesday at GHS.

In the first series of the night, Charlevoix outscored Boyne City 42-15.

The Vikings battled the Rayders in the second match of the meet.

Carey Brodak (112), Cody Elmy (119), and Joe White (125) won by default for GHS. Olivia Peters (130) won a 4-3 decision. Jacob Ervin (135) pinned his Charlevoix opponent in the first round. Dan Duvall (140) won by default.

Brandon Handrich (145) scored a first round pin. Josh Handrich won by default. Grayling led 45-0.

Charlevoix won the 160-pound weight class with a second round pin.

Derek Babbitt (171) won by default. The Rayders won at 189

with a third round pin. Joe Contreras (215) and Kyle Peters (heavyweight) both pinned their Charlevoix counterparts in the first round. Jerry Bergey (103) won by default.

Grayling won 69-12, posting a 5-2 record in contested matches.

In the final series of the night, Grayling jumped out to a sizeable lead vs. Boyne City and won by 73 points. The match included only five contested bouts and Grayling won all of them.

Elmy (119) pinned his Boyne City opponent in the first round. Ervin (135) scored his second pin of the evening, winning in the second round. Babbitt (189), Contreras (215), and K. Peters (heavyweight) all pinned their Boyne City counterparts in the first round.

White (125), O. Peters (130), Duvall (140), B. Handrich (145), J. Handrich (152), Tyler Sharp (160), Bergey (103), and Brodak (112) all won by default. Grayling gained one additional team point due to a

technical violation by Boyne City.

The Vikings forfeited at 171.

Grayling won by a final score of 79-6.

"For a young season it's coming along pretty good," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "Some of our younger kids are figuring out how to wrestle high school matches."

"I have been thoroughly impressed with Jerry Bergey



Kyle Peters battles a Charlevoix opponent on Wednesday. Peters won the match by pin.

at 103 and Carey Brodak at 112, both have been doing an outstanding job. Joe White is undefeated (14-0). Kyle Peters is wrestling well."

The Vikings (4-0 league) will wrestle at the Freeland Invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

GMS Boys Basketball

7th grade "white" - The 7th grade boys basketball "white" team recently defeated Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Elizabeth, finishing its 2009 season with an 11-1 record.

On Monday, Grayling won 50-22 at Kalkaska.

"It was one of the best all-around games of the season with great pressure defense and great ball movement to get the ball down court and find the open man," Coach Doug Pummell said.

Scorers for GMS: Danny Schultz (12), Jake Hinkle (10), Carson Burmeister (6), Darin Nicholas (6), Gunner Metzger (5), Ryan Schultz (4), Dallas Johnson (3), Scout Tobin (2), Emmett Helsel (2).

On Wednesday, the team ended its season with a win at Traverse City.

"We played almost the whole first half at our basket but only led 11-9 at halftime because we did not shoot well. When you don't shoot well you better play good defense, and we did," Coach Pummell said.

Scorers for Grayling: Hinkle (9), Metzger (6), Tobin (4), Burmeister (2), Helsel (2), Nicholas (2).

"It was a great season. They are a very unselfish group that shared the basketball. They also played great defense - only twice did opponents score more than 22 points," Coach Pummell said.

"This group carries them-

selves well. Twice this season middle school athletic directors went out of their way to say how polite and well behaved our players were. It was a great season overall and this group will represent Grayling well in the future," Coach Pummell said.

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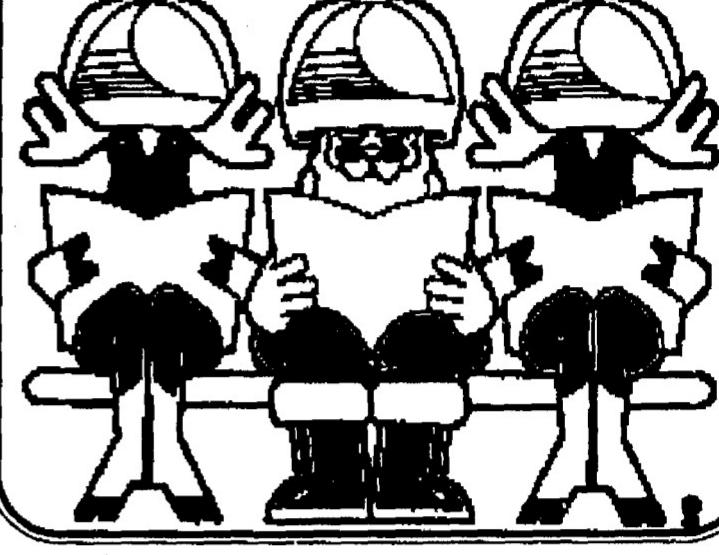
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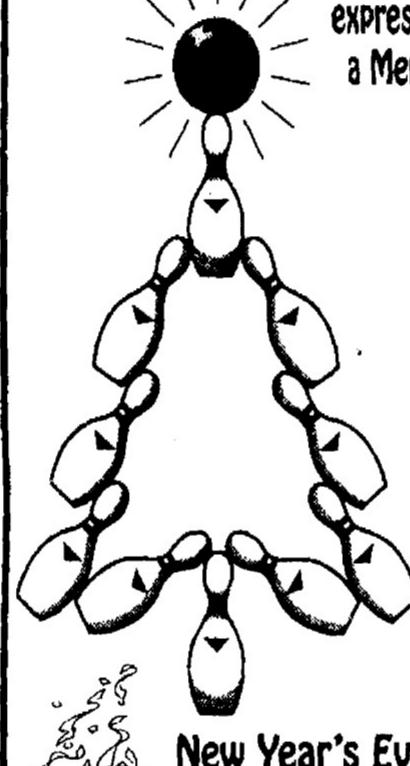


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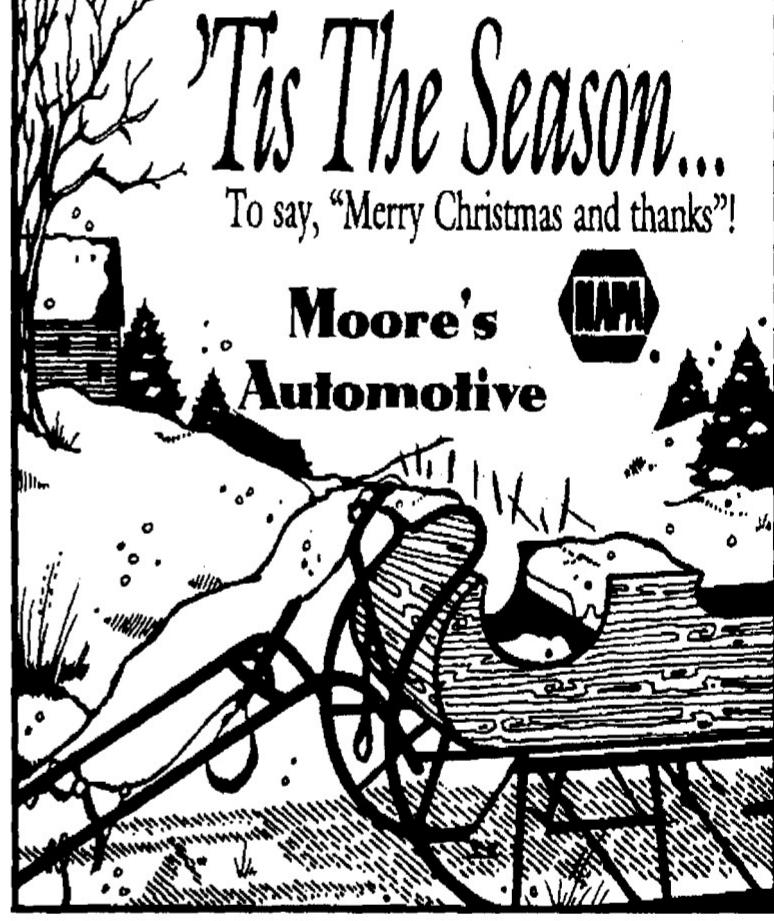
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Vikings win with strong 2nd half at East Jordan

Varsity boys basketball squad starts year at 2-0

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The first half of last Friday's Grayling vs. East Jordan varsity boys basketball game looked like a battle between two similar, evenly matched teams. The Vikings, however, controlled the second half, outscoring the Red Devils 42-22 in the final 16 minutes of the contest.

Friday's match, played at East Jordan High School, was the first Lake Michigan Conference game of the season for both squads.

The teams were tied at 24-24 after a low-scoring first half.

"We started out of the gates pretty slow," Coach Rich Moffit said. "We struggled offensively in our transition break in the fact that our spacing and decision making was not very good. We shot 31 percent in the first half from the floor and shot 5 for 12 from the free-throw line. We made some adjustments at halftime and our players did an outstanding job of playing through adversity."

The Vikings outscored the Red Devils by 20 points - 10 in each period - in the second half to win by a final score of 66-46. Grayling's fourth quarter scoring effort included (in order) two free

throws by Colin Hamlin, a three-pointer by Steven Enos, a three-point shot by Zane Tobin, a put-back by Griffin Dean, a three-point play by Jensen Aubry, a jump shot by Hamlin, a three-pointer by Hamlin, and an inside shot by Dean.

"In the second half our offensive decision making was outstanding and our kids scored 42 points. Steven Enos, Colin Hamlin, and Griffin Dean were outstanding in the second half. Jensen Aubry had an outstanding all-around game with his defensive effort and solid play in the paint. Zane

Tobin responded in the second half and made some key shots," Coach Moffit said. "Ethan Lewis, Riley Zigila, and David Bergan did a nice job of coming off the bench and providing us with some energy. Zigila and Bergan did a nice job of putting pressure on East Jordan's best player."

Hamlin finished with 17 points and seven assists. Enos had 17 points (4 for 5 from three-point range), seven steals, and five assists. Tobin scored 10 points. Aubry and Dean combined for 15 points and 16 rebounds (eight each).

"I like the attitude and

Lake Michigan Conference

Girls Basketball

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| East Jordan | ...1-0 |
| Elk Rapids | ...1-0 |
| Kalkaska | ...1-0 |
| St. Francis | ...1-0 |
| Boyne City | ...0-1 |
| Charlevoix | ...0-1 |
| GRAYLING | ...0-1 |
| Harbor Springs | ...0-1 |

Last week's scores

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| East Jordan 72, Grayling 46 |
| Elk Rapids 42, Harbor Springs 37 |
| Kalkaska 66, Boyne City 27 |
| St. Francis 54, Charlevoix 36 |

demeanor of this group. For a young group they exhibited composure. The big thing for us is to continue to improve," Coach Moffit said.

Friday night's league basketball night also included Grayling vs. East Jordan in a varsity girls basketball match. The Red Devils won 72-46.

Grayling got into a big hole early, trailing East Jordan 16-0 to start the game.

"We only scored two points in the first quarter compared to scoring 22 in the fourth quarter. We need to stay consistent for all four quarters instead of trying to catch up late in the game,"

Jan. 5.

Lake Michigan Conference

Boys Basketball

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| GRAYLING | ...1-0 |
| Elk Rapids | ...1-0 |
| Kalkaska | ...1-0 |
| St. Francis | ...1-0 |
| Boyne City | ...0-1 |
| Charlevoix | ...0-1 |
| East Jordan | ...0-1 |
| Harbor Springs | ...0-1 |

Last week's scores

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| GRAYLING 66, East Jordan 46 |
| Elk Rapids 71, Harbor Springs 47 |
| Kalkaska 83, Boyne City 64 |
| St. Francis 68, Charlevoix 54 |

Coach Kelly Sheehan said. "Eight girls scored, which is nice to see us able to score without relying on one or two players."

Scorers for GHS included:

Abbey Thomas, 10 points, 9 rebounds; Mackenzie Harwood, 9 points; Ann Hamlin, 9 points, 5 rebounds; Kathryn Myles, 7 points; Teresa Schreiber, 5 points; Ashley Feldhauser, 2 points, 8 rebounds; Kristen Todoroff, 2 points; Jo Hamlin, 2 points.

Grayling's boys (2-0 overall, 1-0 league) and girls (1-3 overall, 0-1 league) basketball squads will play at Houghton Lake on Tuesday, Jan. 5.



Samantha Hansen, left, and Devon Dawson, right, shoot for Grayling's junior varsity basketball teams on Thursday night.



JV girls win vs. Red Devils

Boys unable to overcome turnovers, lack of scoring in loss

The GHS junior varsity girls basketball squad won its third consecutive game last Thursday, defeating the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 45-36.

The Vikings led 25-17 at halftime and maintained a steady lead throughout the third and fourth periods.

"Girls again played with a lot of heart and effort against a much bigger team," Coach Craig Hofman said. "Rebounding was a key and they all showed up and played a positive role. We had some really positive bench play from Myriissa Kuhn and Madi Junttila. They both filled in at times and did a great job on the defensive end of the floor."

"Offensively we were solid. We had a strong second quarter, outscoring East Jordan 15-10. We dominated the third quarter 12-5.

The only downside was the fourth quarter, where East Jordan outscored us 14-8. Our goal is to always win all four quarters, which guarantees a win," Coach Hofman said.

"All of the girls did an excellent job against the full-court and half-court trapping defense. We had very few turnovers," Coach Hofman said.

Caitlin Prosser posted a double-double for GHS with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Jamie Denton had 11 points, nine rebounds, and four steals. Hannah Haven scored 10 points and Chloe Harwood had six points. Samantha Hansen, Myriissa Kuhn, Alyssa Morley, and Junttila also scored points for the Vikings.

"The girls are playing well. You can coach all you want but in the end they have to perform and do the job and so far that is hap-

pening. I really see a difference in the preparedness of the girls early on and that credit goes to our coaches at the middle school level and below," Coach Hofman said.

Grayling (3-1 overall, 1-0 league) will play at Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 4.

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The Grayling Vikings didn't shoot well in a 51-37 JV boys basketball loss vs. the visiting East Jordan Red Devils last Thursday. Grayling was 13 for 57 from the field (23 percent) and 7 for 17 (41 percent) from the free-throw line.

"We simply struggled to put the ball in the hoop," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

Grayling trailed 21-12 after one quarter and 35-19 at halftime. East Jordan took a 41-28 advantage into the fourth period.

The Vikings had 69 deflections and 23 steals on defense, but Grayling also committed 16 turnovers and had only six assists on offense.

"It's tough to win any game when you score 37 points. Defensively we played well enough to win in the second half but gave up 35 points in the first half," Coach Kucharek said.

"I thought the kids battled hard until the end, but we need to clean up our play."

Leading scorers for GHS included: Thomas Burrell, 14 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals; Devon Dawson, 7 points, 6 rebounds, 7 steals; Tyler Powers, 5 points; Ryan Randall, 5 points; Jeff Enos, 3 points; Josh McBride, 3 points.

Jared Carlyle had six rebounds.

Grayling (1-1 overall, 0-1 league) will play at Houghton Lake on Monday, Jan. 4.



Zane Tobin, left, and Ann Hamlin, right, handle the ball for Grayling's varsity boys and girls basketball teams, respectively, during games on Friday at East Jordan.

9th grade team wins 65-56 at EJ

The GHS freshman boys basketball team won 65-56 at East Jordan on Friday night. The Red Devils led 30-26 at halftime, but Grayling outscored EJ 39-26 in the final 16 minutes.

"I loved the determination that our guys played with, especially in the second half. East Jordan made for a nice run on us to end the

first half. We decided to bring the pressure coming out of halftime, which changed the dynamic of the game quite quickly. Our energy on the defensive side of the ball jump started our transition game. The kids never looked back from there and answered every run that East Jordan had for us," Coach L.J. Mead said.

"Jake Robinson, Levi

Korneli, and Louis Menard did a great job cleaning up the glass, while the defensive effort of Mason Krey, Scott Parkinson, and Wes Dean changed the outcome of the game," Coach Mead said.

Grayling (2-0 overall) will play against Houghton Lake on Jan. 4.

Bowling Leagues

Recreation League

Robin Smith CPA . . . 4 - 0
Grayling Nursing . . . 4 - 0
American Legion . . . 2 - 2
GMH-NCC . . . 2 - 2
Woody Girls . . . 2 - 2
Ball Buster's . . . 2 - 2
Days Inn . . . 0 - 4
Glen's Market . . . 0 - 4
High Series: S. Johnson, 565;
K. Wheeler, 501; T. Hellebuyck, 495.
High Game: S. Johnson, 202; K. Wheeler, 194; A. Stanley, 193.

Senior League

Gaylord Electric .37.5 - 22.5
Flowers By Josie . . . 37 - 23
Dana Transport . . . 34 - 26
Lone Pine . . . 30 - 30
Legion Lanes . . . 28 - 32

Sylvester's Sports . . . 26 - 34
Bear's Den Pizza . . . 23 - 37
Spike's . . . 22.5 - 37.5
High Series Women: C. Clark, 565; M. Ryss, 537; H. Stairs, 475. High Game Women: C. Clark, 222; P. Kennedy, 186; M. Ryss, 184. High Series Men: D. Williamson, 574; B. Hollis, 518; O. Brantley, 509. High Game Men: D. Williamson, 234; B. Hollis, 181; O. Brantley, 179.

American Men's League
IMM . . . 7 - 0
Moore's Auto . . . 7 - 0
Thayers Crew . . . 5 - 2
Marty's Firewood . . . 5 - 2
Fentons Auto . . . 2 - 5
Primary Electric . . . 2 - 5
McLean's Ace . . . 0 - 7
Joels Team . . . 0 - 7

High Series: P. Benardo, Sr., 630; T. Sheldon, 629; Lance Davis, 629. High Game: P. Benardo, Sr., 257; T. Kotash, 255; T. Sheldon, 247.

Sunday Mixed Doubles
Spikes . . . 65 - 33
Team #4 . . . 55 - 43
Bloomquist . . . 50 - 48
Shocker . . . 48 - 51
Fick and Sons . . . 47 - 51
Gray Rock . . . 29 - 69
High Series Men: R. Strohpaul, 546; D. Morse, 502; J. Thayer, 492. High Game Men: R. Strohpaul, 204; D. Morse, 186; C. Mosher, 180. High Series Women: J. Dent, 471; D. Johnson, 465; C. Sheldon, 453. High Game Women: C. Sheldon, 184; D. Johnson, 168; J. Dent, 165.

Pool League

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn . . . 105
Ole Barn . . . 100
Ramada II . . . 81

Gray Rock . . . 76
Growlers . . . 73.
Ramada I . . . 64
5 Ball Run: Donna (Ramada II); Heather (Ramada II); Rose (Frederic Inn); Jill (Ramada Inn) - 2 each.
6 Ball Run: Vickie (Gray Rock).

ESTADO DE MICHIGAN

46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILIA DIVISION

CRAWFORD COUNTY

PUBLICACION DE LA AUDICION

Case No. 08-3661-NA

Petition No. 01

Para: Orlando Colon

En el Caso De: Deliaenid Colon (Oquendo), DOB: 8/27/94; Melody Colon (Oquendo), DOB: 11/10/95; Pedro Colon (Oquendo), DOB: 10/03/96.

Una audiencia tocante a terminacion de los derechos parentales de Orlando Colon sera relizada por la tribunal en la fecha de 3 de Febrero 2010 a la 1:30 p.m. de la tarde en la Familia Tribunal en Crawford County, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738.

antes del Señor Juez Monte J. Burmeister (P-4

Legal Action

ESTADO DE MICHIGAN 46TH JUDICIAL CIR- CUIT - FAMILIA DIVI- SION CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLICACION DE LA AUDICION

Caso No. 08-3661-NA

Petition No. 01

Para: Luis Rodriguez, Sr.

En el Caso De: Luis Rodriguez, DOB: 8/24/1993.

Una audiencia tocante a terminacion de los derechos parentales de Luis Rodriguez Sr.

Sera relizada por la tribunal en la fecha de 3 de Febrero 2010 a la 1:30 p.m. de la tarde en la Familia Tribunal en Crawford County, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 antes del Señor Juez Monte J. Burmeister (P-48732).

Es por lo tanto ordenado que Luis Rodriguez, Sr. presentarse personalmente antes del tribunal en aquel momento y el lugar indicado arriba.

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NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205a(4)

NOTICE is hereby provided to Laura Clark, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter "Borrower") regarding the property located at: 4116 E M 72 Hwy, Grayling, MI 49738-9405.

The Borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the Mortgage Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1309.

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If the Borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from December 18, 2009, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after December 18, 2009.

If the Borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The Borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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Date: December 24, 2009

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Attorneys For Servicer and/or
Mortgage Holder

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Suite 200

Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525

File # 299670FO1

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Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.6737 ASAP# 3364509 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009 -10-17-24-31

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith Hansen, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 28, 2005 and recorded November 3, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 245, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation successor by merger to Chase Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Five and 34/100 Dollars (\$113,355.34) including interest at 6.625% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 27, 2010. Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 127, Holiday Heights Number 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 41, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 617.2164 ASAP# 3360473 12/10/2009, 12/17/2009, 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009 -10-17-24-31

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ning; thence continuing South 89 degrees 58 minutes 33 seconds East 336.49 feet; thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 58 seconds East 1320.94 feet to the South Section line; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 06 seconds West along said line 336.49 feet; thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 58 seconds West 1321.76 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 10, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.4561 ASAP# 3381148 12/24/2009 -10-17-24-31

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kimberly Oeverman AKA Kimberly S. Oeverman, a single woman, to FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2004, and recorded on August 19, 2004, in Liber 671, on Page 64, and assigned by said mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, 2004-FFH3, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$48,579.19), including interest at 9.500% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 13, 2010. Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, Block 10, of Roscoe's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: December 24, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 310.5154 ASAP# 3372715 12/24/2009, 12/31/2009, 01/07/2010, 01/14/2010 -24-31-7-14

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Legal Action

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David E. Bunting and Catherine M. Bunting, husband and wife, joint tenants with rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to First Financial Services, Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 12, 2004, and recorded on June 17, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 132, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which

mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Nine And 05/100 Dollars (\$57,909.05), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 128, Holiday Heights No. 2, according to the plat recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 41 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009
For more information, please call:
FC J (248) 593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-
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File #295903F01

-10-17-24-31

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gregory L. Gothro and Susan Gothro, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2005, and recorded on October 14, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 878, and assigned by said Mortgagee to OneWest Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Seven And 56/100 Dollars (\$114,427.56), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 75.00 feet of Lot(s) 10 and 11 and all of Lot 12, all in Block 3 of Oak Hill Park, as recorded in Liber 1 on Page(s) 27 of Plats

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009
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ATTENTION Grayling Township residents

Beginning Saturday, January 2, 2010, the township trash compactor and recycling center will be open on a new convenient schedule:

Tuesday 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Disposal of large items available at other times, by appointment only.

There is a 7-bag (average 30-gallons per bag) per-week limit on trash. The cost to dispose of more than 7 bags is \$1.50 for each additional bag. You must display your 2010 trash/recycling permit affixed to your vehicle window to receive service, or you will be turned away.

The Grayling Township trash compactor and recycling center are located at 46870 North Down River Road, Grayling (next to Jack Millikin, Inc.). For further information contact the compactor manager at (989) 348-3195 during the listed hours above.

(\$82,832.13), including interest at 6% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 13, 2010. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 7: South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009
For more information, please call:

FC F (248) 593-1313
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Judith A Hazelton, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Co. Central Mi, Mortgagee, dated July 10, 2007, and recorded on July 17, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 659, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Five Dollars and Forty Five Cents (\$26,985.45), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 11.60%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Karri D Pummell his wife and Douglas Pummell aka Douglas C Pummell her husband, tenants by the entirety, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, Mortgagee, dated January 13, 2005, and recorded on January 20, 2005 in Liber 673 on Page 419, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Three And 73/100 Dollars (\$59,363.73), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on January 27, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel II:

All that part of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, lying Westerly of the Ausable River

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 10, 2009
For more information, please call:

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



December 25, 1986 - Walt Nowak, former Regional Chamber of Commerce director, cuts the ribbon at the north end of the new Vic Wertz Memorial Snowmobile Trail.

23 Years Ago

December 25, 1986

Dr. Tom Rosi's residence on Dale Street took first place in the Christmas Home Decorating Contest and the Triangle Motel took first place in the Commercial Decorating Contest. Both contests were sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association.

Christmas came early this year for Marge Smith of Lake Margrethe. Her name was drawn from among 2,200 names as the recipient of \$1,000 worth of shopping from the Grayling

Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Michelle Moore, Rebecca Jones, Richele Trudeau and Shawn Denton are all members of the GHS girls basketball team who received All-Conference honors for 1986.

Todd Klinger's jump shot, with 3 seconds left in regulation time, tied the boys GHS basketball team at 67-67 against Boyne City. They never trailed in overtime, as they won 74-71.

Twenty-one students from the Grayling High School Spanish Department attend-

ed Saginaw Valley State College's 11th Annual Foreign Language Day. GHS students entered three of eight competitions and came back to Grayling with three trophies.

46 Years Ago

December 26, 1963

With a close checking defense, the Grayling High School Vikings pulled the upset of the young cage season at the Grayling High School gym against the Gaylord Blue Devils in basketball action.

The Grayling municipal ice skating rink is now open for kids ages 3 to 90. The rink is located on Plum Street across from the football field. There are also two other rinks in town, one on Madsen St. next to Albert Denewets on the south side and one the north side of Smith Street, next to Kip Papendicks. These two are also open for skating.

Several fires have been handled by the Grayling Fire Department recently. The first one was on Dec. 14, at one of the Raymond's cabins just east of the fish hatchery. The building was occupied by John Wakeley. The fire was believed to have started with a gas stove. The building was a total loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker have sold their home at 606

Park Street to Mr. and Mrs. Jim LaGrow. The Bakers have moved to Houghton Lake.

Winners of the Christmas decorating contest, sponsored by the City of Grayling, were Mr. and Mrs. Kip Papendick in first place, Mrs. Willard Harwood in second, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClain in third, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mauren in fourth and Dr. and Mrs. B.E. Henig and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hall with an honorable mention.

The Papendicks have a Santa who waves, warming his feet at a pot-bellied stove, a tree with gifts under it and a window with deer looking in.

69 Years Ago

December 26, 1940

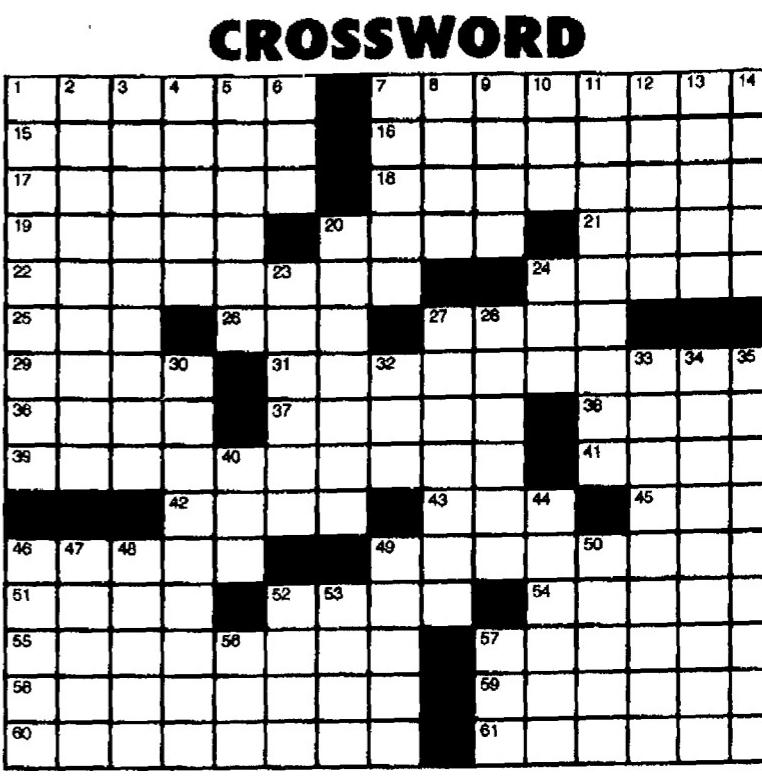
Fire broke out in the rear of the second floor of the Barnett building about 3:15 p.m.

The Paul Massey family of Detroit have moved into the house formerly owned by Mrs. Rose Pond on Cedar Street. Mr. Massey is the proprietor of the Bowldrome.

92 Years Ago

December 27, 1917

Miss Marie Lovely has returned from Lansing and expects to remain here for the present.

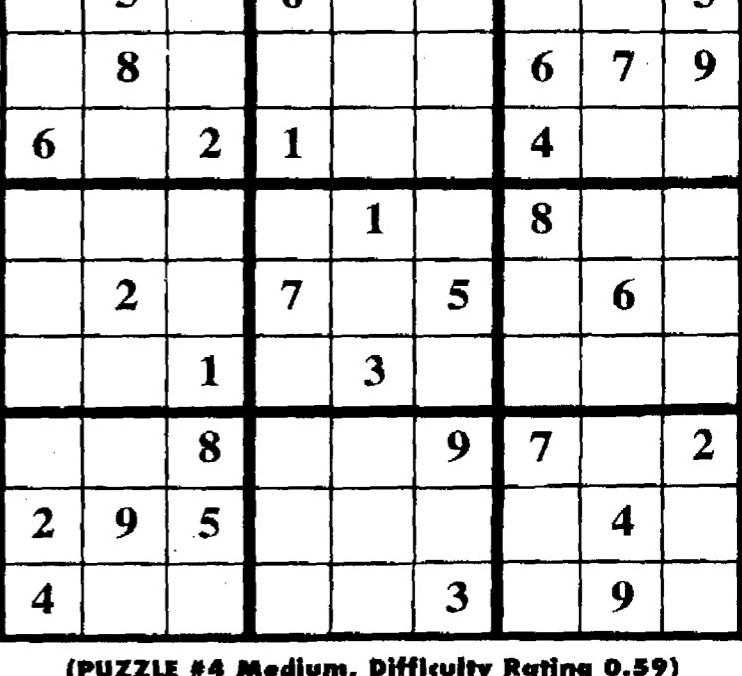


Across

1. Slump
2. Lacking in insight
3. Cast out
4. Defeat
5. Some like it hot
6. Over 60 minutes
7. Killer whales
8. Sack
9. Heavy reading?
10. Referee
11. Blockbusters
12. Before the due date
13. Brace
14. Lingerie item
15. Box office take
16. Roomie
17. Fall-blooming herb with showy daisy-like flowers
18. Noted the similarities or differences of
19. European capital
20. Box office take
21. Downhill racer
22. Awl for making small holes for brads or screws
23. Bashfully
24. "20/20" network
25. Grassland
26. Its motto is "Industry"
27. Curb, with "in"
28. Commissioned
29. Flabbergast
30. Originally associated with husbandry and crops in Roman mythology
31. Examinations of stained cells in a cervical smear for uterine cancer
32. Fire broke out in the rear of the second floor of the Barnett building about 3:15 p.m.
33. Disassemble
34. Beingness
35. Broke up
36. Morgue, for one
37. Sheath
38. American professional basketball player
39. Silly trick
40. Eastern wrap
41. Bottomless pit
42. They're all in the family
43. Cowboy
44. Prosternous
45. Moray, e.g.
46. Clairvoyance, e.g.
47. Dispatch
48. Usurp
49. Brightly colored fish
50. Fortune
51. Narrow wood runners
52. Essen basin
53. Curb, with "in"
54. Reached
55. Fizzy drink
56. "Dog Day Afternoon" character
57. Cooking meat.

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #4 Medium, Difficulty Rating 0.59)

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of December 24, 2009

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|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CAPRICORN December 22-January 19 | ARIES March 21-April 19 | CANCER June 22-July 22 | TAURUS April 20-May 20 | GEMINI May 21-June 21 | PISCES February 19-March 20 | AQUARIUS January 20-February 18 | SCORPIO October 23-November 21 | SAGITTARIUS November 22-December 21 | LIBRA September 23-October 22 | VIRGO August 23-September 22 | LEO July 23-August 22 | CAPRICORN December 22-January 19 |
| Happy days are here again, Capricorn. Get out the punch bowl and let the merrymaking begin. A friend inadvertently gets a rumor started. Be there for them. | A friend bares their soul. Listen carefully, Aries, and comfort them from the heart. Things will get better with your sage words and kind embrace. | A stream of requests makes for a harried Cancer. Give, give and give some more, and you will receive in abundance. Your eye for detail is not lost on a project. | Magic surrounds you, and miracles crop up everywhere. Enjoy the moment, Taurus. Life will be back to normal before you know it. A hobby brings you great joy. | Opportunity knocks. Think twice before you open that door. You have a full plate as it is, Leo, and looks can be deceiving. A trade seems the best solution to a problem. | Make it what you will, Libra, but the facts speak for themselves. All is not on the up and up. The festivities bring family closer together than they have been in some time. | Bodacious plans turn out beautifully. A few turns friend. Financial woes end. Could life get any better, Aquarius? Drama ensues at work. Steer clear of it. | Peace reigns at home, and all is right with the world. Gather everyone together, Scorpio, and spread the good cheer. An array of family recipes makes for a spectacular feast. | Just believe in yourself, Pisces, and nothing will be impossible. A fury friend deserves a special gift. Time is of the essence with a home repair. | A family member proves an indomitable spirit. Take a page from their book, Virgo, and approach life with force. A long-lost half-brother makes his way to you again. | It is time for you to end a feud with a loved one. Ask for their forgiveness, Sagittarius, and watch your relationship blossom. Songs of the season put you in a festive mood. | | |

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our website for more information.

Tiki
Tiki is a really cute little Beagle. She is just a couple of years old and very pretty. This dog lacks confidence so needs a home with someone willing to put some time in with her and help assure her that she is okay. This dog would do best in a home with someone who either is retired or works out of home. Tiki has had her vaccinations, has been spayed and is microchipped.

Visit us at: www.usablevalleyanimalshelter.org

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5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds
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10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.usvc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Last Week | | Extended Forecast | | | | | | | |
|-----------|------|-------------------|-------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Date | High | Low | Show Inches | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
| 12/15 | 29 | 21 | 15 | | | | | | |
| 12/16 | 21 | 12 | 17 | | | | | | |
| 12/17 | 18 | -6 | 17 | | | | | | |
| 12/18 | 24 | -4 | 17 | | | | | | |
| 12/19 | 34 | 2 | 15 | | | | | | |
| 12/20 | 29 | 16 | 14 | | | | | | |
| 12/21 | 26 | 18 | 12 | | | | | | |

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

GINGERBREAD PEOPLE

Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant pudding- butterscotch
- 1 egg
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 Tbsp. ground ginger
- 1-1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Directions: Beat butter, sugar, dry pudding mix and egg in large bowl with mixer until well blended. Mix remaining ingredients. Gradually add to pudding mixture, beating well after each addition. Refrigerate 1 hour or until firm. Heat oven to 350°F. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into gingerbread shapes with 4-inch cookie cutter. Place, 2 inches apart, on greased baking sheets. Use straw to make hole near top of each cutout. Bake 10 to 12 min. or until edges are lightly browned. Let stand on baking sheets 3 min. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Decorate as desired. Insert ribbon through holes to hang cookies on tree.

Prep Time: 20 min. Total Time: 1 hr. 32 min.

Makes 20 servings

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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2. For Rent

4 BEDROOM HOME \$800. 2 1/2 car garage, fenced in yard, 403 Eric. 989-529-8765. (-24-31/2)

FOR RENT TWO BEDROOM duplex with attached garage. Located at 1029 Heather Lane, off North Down River Road. \$600 per month, includes snow plowing, lawn care. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/22/09/tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007/tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09/tf/2)

3 BEDROOM home near town, large lot and 1 1/2 car garage. \$600 a month plus deposit. 989-390-3980. (-24-31/2)

1 BEDROOM in town \$390 a month plus utilities, no pets, references. Call 231-675-1456. (-10/01/09/tf/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$500 month plus gas, nonsmoking, no pets, 348-4840. (-24/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM apartment with garage. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer, dryer included. Quiet neighborhood. Security deposit required. 348-8471. (-17-24-31/2)

NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$425 plus deposit. 348-2418. (-17-24-31/2)

FOR RENT LARGE 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home, 8 miles south of Grayling, with attached 2 car garage. This is a very clean, nice rental with gas fireplace and large deck. Will consider pet. References plus security deposit. 989-329-4826. (-24-31/2)

SMALL DECENT 2 bedroom mobile, close to town. \$375 a month plus security 989-390-3980. (-24-31/2)

FOR RENT Newly refurbished 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Snow plowing and lawn care included in rent. Call Northwood Rentals. 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09/tf/2)

FOR RENT NICE 2 bedroom apartment, with garage located near the Grayling High School, \$650 per month, plus deposit, includes all utilities - heat, electric, water, snow plowing and lawn care. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-12/8/09/tf/2)

3 BEDROOM HOUSE 10 miles south of Grayling off Old 27. No pets. 989-821-6225. \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. (12/03/09/tf/2)

FOR RENT One bedroom house in town \$450 a month plus utilities. No pets, plus deposit. 348-8479. (-24/2)

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX \$450 plus utilities, 348-5230. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)

2 BEDROOM, 2 CAR garage on mainstream of AuSable. \$625 plus deposit, no smoking. New flooring, refinished. 344-9038. (12/15/09/tf/2)

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS

Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more.

For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020.

Equal Housing Opportunity.

TDD 1-800-649-3777.

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2. For Rent

3 - 4 BEDROOM 3 bath log home on East Branch, 563-370-5104. (-3-10-17-24-31/2)

CABINS AT LOST ACRES Cabin #2, #3 & #5 from \$300 - \$475, including utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. No pets, 11010 N. Old 27, Mike at 231-590-3699 or Leo 877-227-6976. (12/10/09/tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX 700 sq. feet, new insulation, drywall, doors, etc. Storage, laundry hookup, lawn care, snowplowing, adult nonsmoking unit. \$495, 700a Smith St. Phone 348-2178. (12/07/09/tf/2)

FOR LEASE 900 sq. feet commercial. Nice, clean place with private bath. Reasonably priced 989-348-8999. (-10-17-24-31/2)

FOR RENT WONDERFUL 4 bedroom home located on Fawn Lake near Waters. This home sits on the shore of Fawn Lake, with a huge deck and lots of windows facing the water. Large heated garage and lots of storage space \$650 per month, plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-17-24-31/2)

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HOME FOR RENT Frederic area. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, 1,400 sq. ft on 10 acres. \$550 month, \$550 security. Pets negotiable 989-348-2088. (-24-31/2)

FOR RENT 9 Oaks Inn, weekly rates available. Easy access to Camp Grayling. For information call 989-275-9800. (-24-31/2)

RE/MAX BUILDING has executive office suite for lease. Excellent location with high traffic exposure on M-72 West in the city limits. Blacktop parking lot with lots of parking. Exceptionally nice 800 sq. ft. Perfect for office or retail. Natural gas, heat, central air with kitchen and bath, \$650 month plus utilities. Offering promo first month free with one year lease. Contact Charlene or Craig at Re/Max of Grayling 989-348-7440. (-12/18/09/tf/2)

4. Services Offered

3. Employment

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 1-888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-15-22-19-5-12-19-26-3-10-17-24-31/3)

MILLTOWN AUTO PAINTING is looking for a collision technician and painter. Must be state certified, call 989-348-6288. (-17-24-3)

CURVES is looking for a part time fitness tech. If you are energetic and love to work with people, call 989-348-1055. (-17-24-3)

NEEDED Michigan State Certified auto mechanic. Must have experience and references. Full time position beginning immediately. Apply in person with resume, see George Fenton, Jr. Fenton's Auto Service, 602 North James St., Grayling 989-348-5242. (-17-24-3)

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NOW HIRING No experience necessary. Expanding distribution center is seeking sharp men and women for full time positions. Several departments. High starting pay, bonus programs, vacation time and advancement opportunities. Call for interview, 989-732-2175. (-24/3)

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4. Services Offered

APPLIANCE AND FURNACE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-3-10-17-24-31/4)

BUY HERE, PAY HERE bad credit, bankruptcy, repos, OK. Easy terms, low down payment. Most monthly payments under \$200. Free loaner cars for the life of your loan. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of happy customers. Call Rich 989-306-3656. (-17-24-31-7-14/4)

APPLIANCE REPAIR - For the best service on all major brand appliances call Hometown Heating and Cooling, Grayling at 989-348-4252. (-09/17/09/tf/4)

SNOWPLOWING commercial or residential. Call 989-344-8076. (-24-31-7-14-21/4)

BLOWN CELLULOSE INSULATION Attics, walls and crawl spaces. Custom Construction, licensed and insured. 989-422-5005. (-19-26-3-10-17-31-7/4)

DRY OAK FIREWOOD \$45 per face cord. Green or seasoned \$40 per cord. 2 cord minimum. Buying standing timber. Accepting snow-plow accounts. 989-390-3930. (-3-10-17-24-31/5)

VERY NICE USED APPLIANCES for sale. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, gas and electric ranges. Service work on major appliances with over 40 years experience. Call Paul 348-0167. (-10-17-24-31/5)

DRIED OAK FIREWOOD \$50 per cord, \$60 delivered. Call Bill 989-348-5124. (-24/5)

DUBOIS LUMBER & RENTAL CENTER has wood pellets \$4.49 per 40 lb. bag or \$119.50 per ton. (11/05/09/tf/5)

JOHNSONS RANGE 989-348-4614, 989-370-5151

Ammo Sale Black Hills

223 Rem 55 gr FMJ 50

rounds \$25. 40 S & W 180

gr FMJ 50 rounds \$23. 38

spl 158 gr FMJ 50 rounds

\$20. Rifle Sale AR-15 223

Rem 16" barrel \$1,200 -

new. AR-15 223 Rem 14"

barrel \$1,200 - new. Henry

Big Boy 357 mag \$650 -

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plus \$280 - new. Primers

CCI 209 \$40 per 1000, Fed

small pistol \$38 per 1000. (-17-24/5)

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Heaters only \$23.95 a week

for 18 weeks. Total cost

\$431.00. Continental

Homecenters.

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6. Wanted

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7. Miscellaneous

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Holiday Hours:

The Crawford County Avalanche will close at noon on Thursday, December 24th.

The Avalanche will re-open on Monday, December 28th at 9am.

Early Holiday Deadlines:

The December 31, 2009 Avalanche will be on newsstands on Wednesday, December 30th, 2009.

Deadlines for the December 31st issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 24th at noon

Community News: Mon. Dec. 28th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Mon. Dec. 28th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Dec. 29th at noon

Our office will close on Thursday, December 31st, at noon. The Avalanche office will re-open on Monday, January 4th at 9am. Deadlines for the January 7th issue are:

Display Ads: Thurs. Dec. 31st at noon

Community News: Mon. Jan. 4th at noon

Classified Display Ads: Mon. Jan. 4th at noon

Classified Ads by the word: Tues. Jan. 5th at noon

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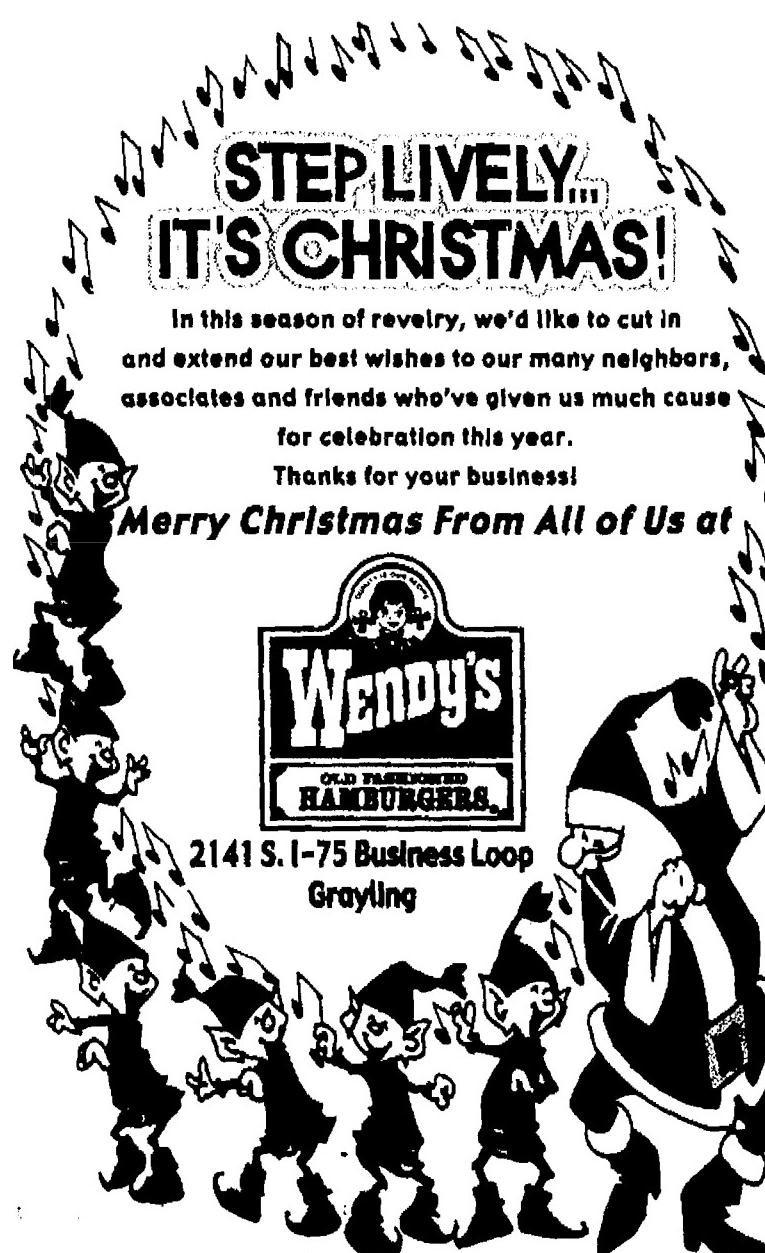
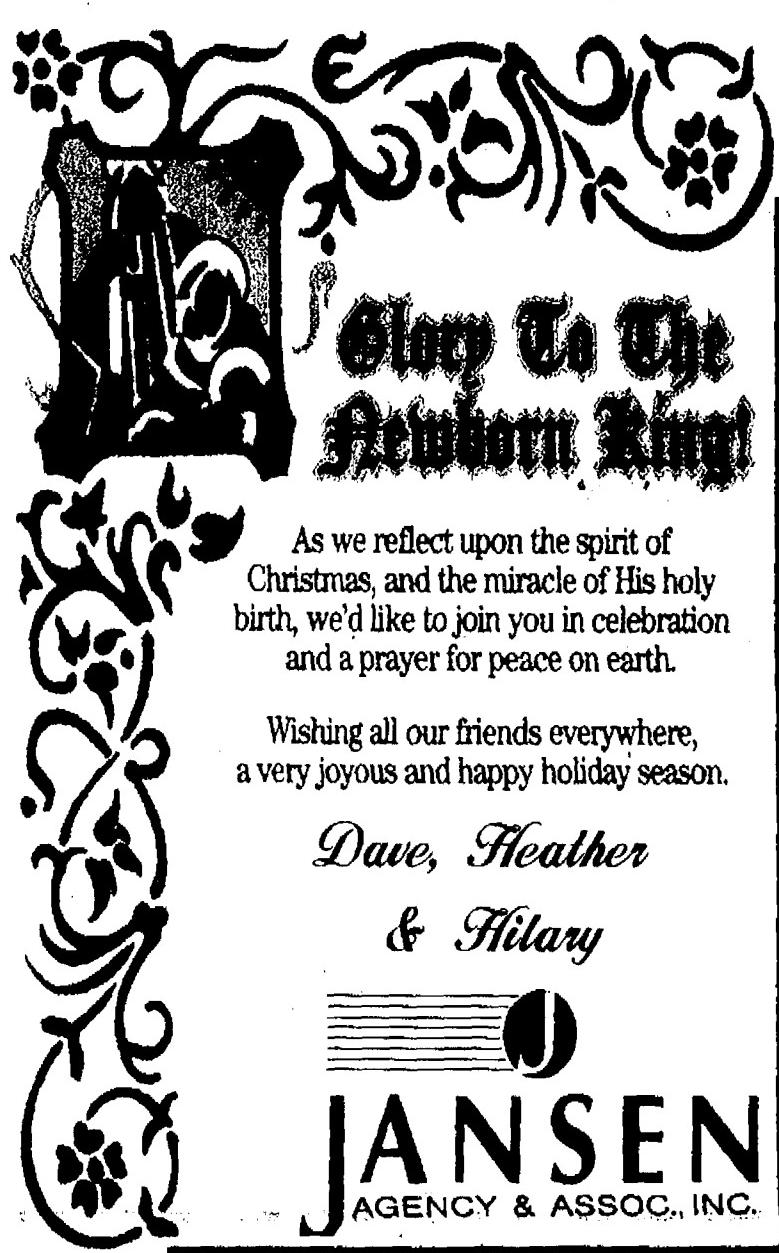
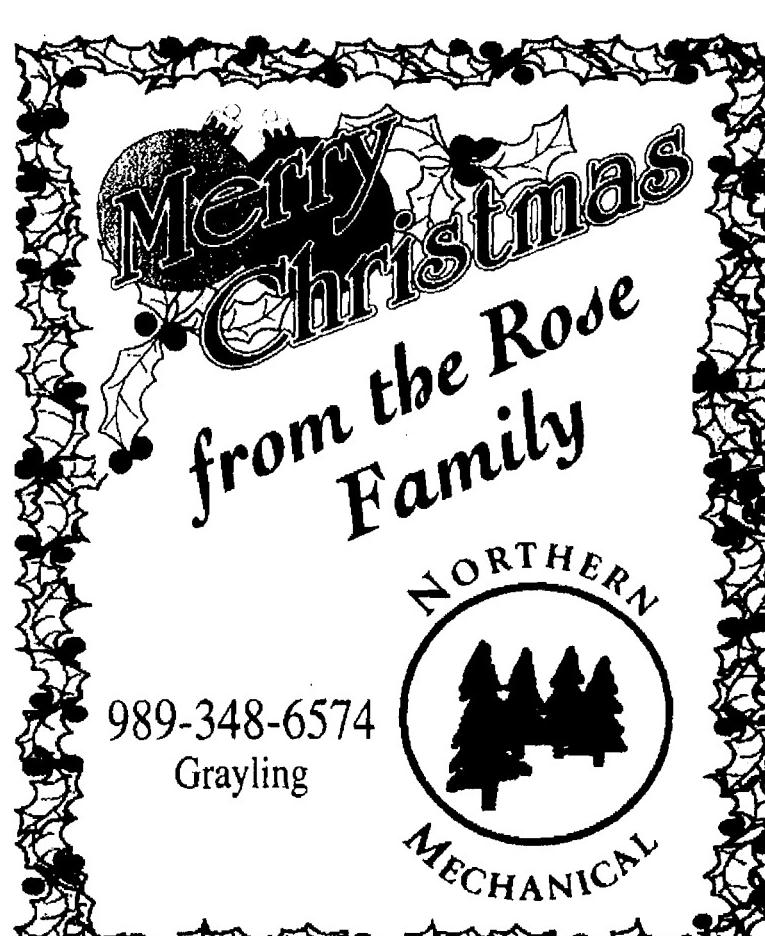
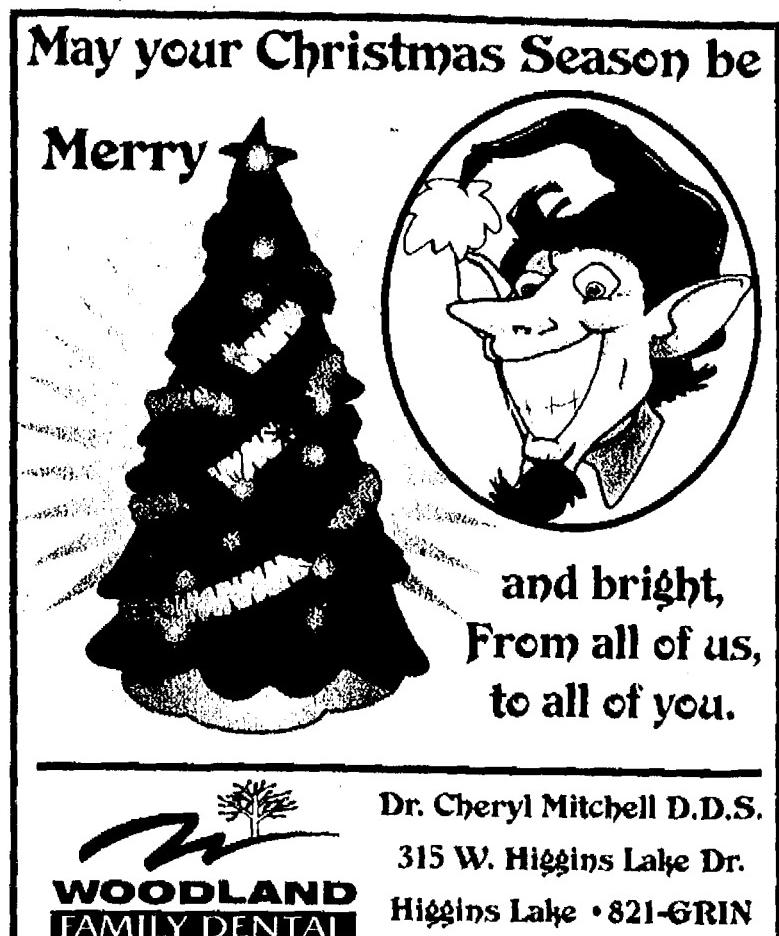
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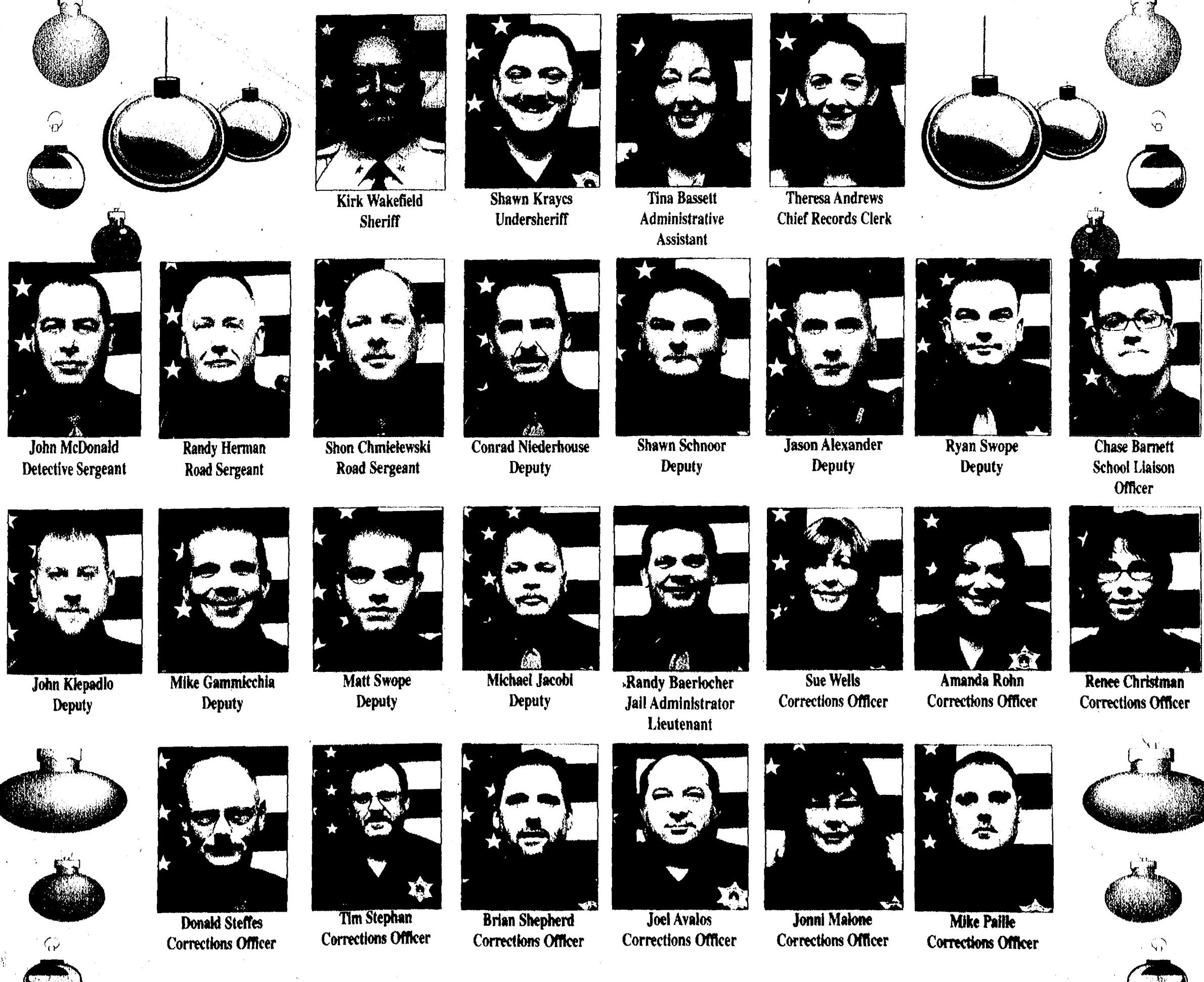
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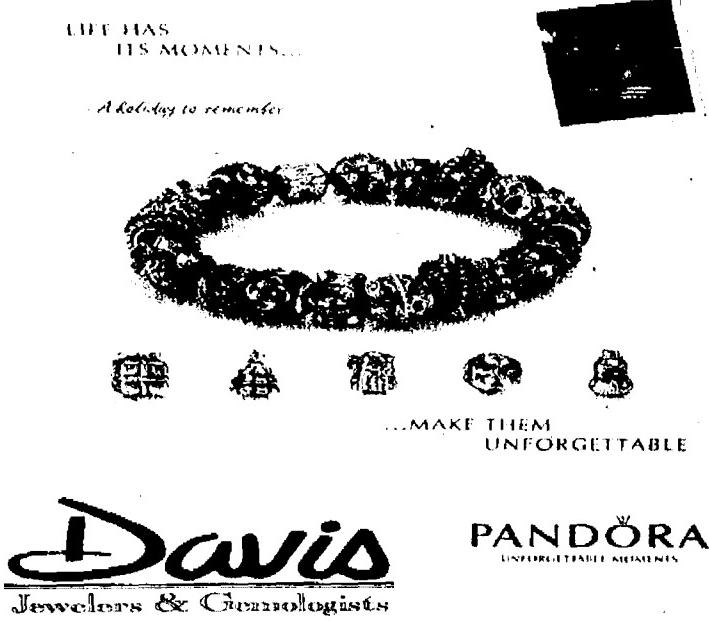
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